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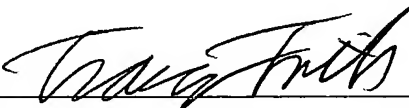
Claims 1-29, 31, 33-42 are presently pending in the above-referenced application. Claims 1, 29, 33, and 40 are independent. Claims 30, 32, and 43 have been canceled. Claims 3-11, 16-18, 21-22, 27-28, 31, 35-39, and 42 have been amended so that they are no longer in multiple dependent form. Claims 33 and 40 have been amended so that they are in independent form.

Entrance of the following preliminary amendment prior to fee calculation and examination on the merits of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance appears to be in order and such is courteously solicited.

Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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